

# Follow Your Call

## Steps Toward Obtaining Credentials with the Assemblies of God

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### Getting Started

- **Transcripts Analyzed** - Submit previous school transcripts.
- **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** - Must be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues to be credentialed.
- **Divorce** - May need to go through an additional approval process before applying for credentials.
- **Financial Issues** - May require extra paperwork during the application process.

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### Education Requirements

- Minnesota School of Ministry (MNSOM) - provides a combination of self-study and one-day-a-month classroom experience to build a ministry network - [mnsom.org](http://mnsom.org).
- Berean Ministry Training through Global University - self-study online classes - [globaluniversity.edu](http://globaluniversity.edu)
- Assembly of God Higher Education - traditional 2 and 4 year degree options - [colleges.ag.org](http://colleges.ag.org)
- All educational requirements need to be completed by December for credentialing in April of the following year.

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### Internships

Internships are required for all 3 levels of AG credentials.

- Internships require a minimum of 6 months. An intern may take up to 2 years to complete an internship however, it must be completed by November 30th to qualify for credentials the following April.
- Mentors must hold AG credentials one level higher than the intern is seeking.
- Internship Mentors must be approved by the Internship Director before beginning assignments.
- Register and obtain mentor approval no later than May to meet the 6 month minimum timeline.

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### Pre-Application

Go to [mnaog.org/credentials](http://mnaog.org/credentials)

- Read the Credential Handbook.
- Complete the online Credentialing Pre-Application form.

This can be done before all classes and internship are completed.

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### Application Documents

- Application and documents will be available through an online platform called Moodle. Those who are approved through the Pre-Application Process will be given access beginning in May.
- Download and submit all required application documents through Moodle.
- All paperwork is due by October 1st.

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### References

Minister, Friend and Employer References are required for all applicants.

- List the references on the application
- Email the appropriate link found in Part C of your Moodle account to your references.
- Your references will fill out the online form and their response will be sent directly to the credentialing office.
- Completed references are due by Nov 1.
- All references will receive a follow-up phone call from District leadership before your Interview in February.

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### Credential Exams

Three exams are required for credentialing:

- **Certified:**
  - Bible Knowledge
  - Doctrine
- **Licensed:**
  - Bible Knowledge (if not certified)
  - Doctrine (if not certified)
  - Polity & History
- **Ordained:** no test required

Study Guides for all 3 exams are found in Part D of your Moodle account.

Exam Arrangements (choose one):

- At the District Office in Downtown Minneapolis on a Friday and Monday at the end of October - on paper
- By Proctor (must have Proctor agreement filled out, found in Part B of Moodle) - on paper or online

All Exams must be completed before November 1st.

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### Credentialing Seminar & Interviews

Attend one-day training and workshop event, in February, presented by District Directors, Presbyters and other pastors.

- All candidates and their spouse or fiancé are required to attend.
- The day will end with an interview with District leadership and Presbyters.
- The exact date and time of your interview will be communicated to you in January.

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### District & General Council Approval

- District leadership prayerfully approve each candidate for credentials.
- All applications and supporting documents are sent to General Council for final approval.

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### Celebration Ceremony

Candidates and spouses/fiancés are required to participate in the Celebration Ceremony during District Council in April.



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